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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**TWO INDIANAPOLIS MEN CHARGED WITH METH
TRAFFICKING**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JOSE OCHOA, 43, Indianapolis, Indiana, and FILBERTO ARREOLA, 36, Indianapolis, Indiana, were indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute and to distribute more than 500 grams of methamphetamine and possession with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of methamphetamine. OCHOA was also charged with possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, following an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration in conjunction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Indianapolis Police Department and the Indianapolis Parks Department Rangers.

Ochoa, Arreola –

ARREOLA was arrested by law enforcement officers on February 20, 2005, after his attempted delivery of methamphetamine to an undercover law enforcement officer. OCHOA was arrested later that day after a search of his residence uncovered methamphetamine and a loaded 357 Magnum.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Melanie C. Conour, who is prosecuting the case for the government, OCHOA and ARREOLA face a maximum possible prison sentence of life imprisonment and a maximum possible fine of \$4,000,000 on each drug offense of the indictment. OCHOA also faces a consecutive penalty of 5 years to life imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000 for possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime. An initial hearing will be scheduled for in the near future before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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